Deemed University status to educational institutions in Karnataka

1849. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the basic norms binding recognition of educational institutions as "Deemed Universities';

(b) whether recognition has been given to Regional Engineering College, Surathkal, Karnataka as a "deemed University';

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has recommended a few educational institutions for grant of Deemed University status; and

(d) if so, the Centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) University Grants Commission has laid down the guidelines for considering proposal for declaring an institution as Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. These guidelines *inter-alia* provide that an institution should generally be;

(i) Engaged in teaching programmes and research in chosen fields of specialization which are innovative and very high academic standards at the Master's (or equivalent) and/or research levels. It should also have a greater interface with society through extra mural, extension and field action related programmes.

(ii) Making in its ateas of specialization, distinct contribution to the objectives of the University education system through innovative programmes and on being recognized as a university capable of further enriching the university system as well as strengthening teaching and research in the institution and particularly in its area of specialization.

(iii) Competent to undertake application-oriented programmes in emerging areas which are relevant and useful to various development sectors and to the society in general.

(iv) institutions should have the necessary viability and a management capable of contributing to the university ideals and traditions.

Ordinarily, institutions affiliated to universities and which are offering only conventional degree programmes leading to BA/B.Com/B.Sc. or MA/ M.Com/M.Sc., will not be considered for grant of deemed to be university status. However, such institution which is also offering innovative programmes, and which has adequate resources, might be considered for recognition as a university. Supplimentary assistance for innovation may be considered by the UGC only in such exceptional cases.

Institutions which are imparting routine type of instruction to full-time students or offering training programmes for in-service personnel, unless of high quality, would, generally, not qualify for recognition.

In selective cases, outstanding research institutions specializing in Social Sciences, Sciences and Technology can be considered for research degree and highly specialized programmes at the Master's level.

In case the institution is offering a degree/diploma, professional subject(s), the academic programme(s) should be recognized by the concerned statutory authority e.g. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council of India (MCI), Dental Council of India (DCI), Central Council of Homoeopathy (CCH), Indian Nursing Council (INC) etc. before it applies for a deemed to be university status under Section 3 of the UGC Act.

This shall, however, not apply to *de-novo* institutions in the emerging areas with the promise of excellence, not yet fulfilling the prescribed guidelines of the UGC whose case will be considered for a provisional status for a Deemed to be University.

(b) Ministry of Human Resource Development has granted Deemed to be University status to National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal (formerly known as Karnataka Regional Engineering College, Surathkal). Notification was issued on 26th June 2002.

(c) and (d) Proposal from five institutions in Karnataka have been received in the Ministry of Human Resource Development/University Grants Commission for granting Deemed University status. Government of Karnataka has given 'No Objection' for granting Deemed University status to the Karnataka, Chitrakala Parishath, Bangalore. These proposals have been referred to UGC for examination and their comments.